

AUSTRALIAN APPALOOSA ASSOCIATION LTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.
2ND to 4TH June 2017, AAA Ltd Office, 22 Showground Road, Tamworth NSW 2340
Meeting Opened: 4.00pm

1. Introduction

Anna Duin, President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Present

Anna Duin, Debbie Pearson, Marsha Lewis, Jo Fowler, Shaun Pinney, Pat Thompson, Brian Dedicoat, Neil Ryan,
Jan Garland, Kiara Le Cerf.

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 December 2016 Board Meeting

- Contact of inactive stallion owners by Sam Lindley, nothing proceeded
- Contact of inactive members by Jan Garland, not proceeded but will have extra membership category to advise lapsed members.
- Performance Rules & Judge Accreditation programs, not in a position to proceed financially, HSAA & AQHA judges available. Performance rules need to be reviewed.
- Grants investigation by Summer McDermott, nothing further. Marsha Lewis has done some investigation and has put name down for information on next round of funding. Suggested to put request to members for assistance in obtaining grants. Query received as to where grants available from. Advised all levels of governments. Suggestion of someone to search and obtain grants on behalf of AAA. Suggested contact with existing member for interest in doing this.
- Marsha Lewis advised that accountant's queries have been rectified. Jan Garland made note that allegations had been made about the financial reports, but accountant has advised otherwise.
- Birthday cards for youth, director resigned, but further under youth section.
- Constitution/disciplinary, further in point 7.
- Undesirable traits, information from AABA to be made available, nothing further at this stage.
- Undersized horse, no further correspondence from owner.
- Registration application, further in section 9.
- Clubs nominating first aid officer for shows, further changes to show approval forms with insurance requirements.
- Youth age division changes, effective 1/8/2017, further discussion in youth section.
- Breeders Association membership money, further discussion 16.4.3
- Update information on Office premises. Jan Garland informed new directors.
- Logo, used for stickers only at this stage.
- Online show was to be organised by Summer McDermott, nothing further.
- Additional registry to incorporate Palouse, etc by Sam Lindley, nothing further. Discussion on viability of it. Jo Fowler and Neil Ryan to work together on Palouse Registry. Brian suggested accepting knobstrappers as an outcross. Preferable to keep them entirely separate. Discussion on viability.

Motion: To accept December Meeting minutes as circulated.

Moved: Anna Duin

Seconded: Jan Garland

In Favour: JG, PT, NR, BD, DP, SP, JF, AD, ML

Against: Nil

CARRIED

4.2 March 2017 Board Meeting

Motion: To accept March Meeting minutes as circulated.

Moved: Jan Garland

Seconded: Pat Thompson

In Favour: JG, PT, NR, BD, DP, SP, AD, ML

Against: nil

CARRIED

5. Business Arising From Previous Meetings.

No business arising.

6. Directors Reports

It was noted that since meeting held at Nationals in March, John Kemp has tendered his resignation from the board due to health issues. Also that Narelle Kurtzer has tendered her resignation from the board due to family reasons.

6.1 Directors Appointments

Brian Dediccoat explained to the board that through his role in the Lions Club raising money for youth activities, police checks have been performed and clearance has been given and also has police clearance to enter prison facilities in SA for his employment.

Motion: To confirm the appointments of Neil Ryan and Brian Dediccoat as casual directors until 2018 AGM.

Moved: Pat Thompson

Seconded: Jo Fowler

In Favour: PT, JF, AD, DP, ML, SP, JG

Against: Nil

CARRIED

12. Insurance

Paul Davenport, Greg Shallard, Peter Grant, Affinity Insurance, joined the meeting to discuss the insurance and how it could be made to work for the AAA.

Discussion on insurance and how making a claim works against the member, club and AAA.

- Members of the Affiliate, including day members, are covered by Liability Insurance.
- No affiliates – Liability claims can still be made against AAA, for sanctioned events, as well as club conducting the event.
- Members Coverage – Each person, as either an Affiliate Member or AAA member, is covered by the Liability Insurance, but not as personal accident, only as the negligent party.
- Day membership is considered a legitimate membership.
- AAA can advise of the terms of insurance for different types of membership.
- Further information to be sought from clubs at time of affiliation, number of members club has etc.

The Board thanked Paul, Greg & Peter for attending.

6.2 Directors Portfolios

The following positions were voted in at the directors meeting held in March.

President – Anna Duin

Nominated by Jan Garland, Seconded by Jo Fowler. Accepted

Vice President – Jan Garland

Nominated by Debbie Pearson, Seconded by Jo Fowler: Accepted

Finance Officer/Treasurer – Marsha Lewis

Nominated by Jan Garland, Seconded by Debbie Pearson: Accepted

The remaining positions/portfolios are appointed as follows:

Company Secretary – Neil Ryan

Nominate by Jan Garland, Seconded by Jo Fowler: Accepted

Assistant Company Secretary – Anna Duin

Nominated by Jan Garland, Seconded by Pat Thompson: Accepted

Amateur – Debbie Pearson

Youth – Debbie Pearson/Shawn Pinney

AABA – Brian Dediccoat/Shawn Pinney

Office/Sponsorship – Jan Garland Nationals – Debbie Pearson

Non-Traditional – Jo Fowler

E-Newsletter/Magazine – Debbie Pearson/Jan Garland/Office

Regional Clubs – Brian Dediccoat

Grants – All directors

Insurance – Pat Thompson/ Anna Duin

Hall of Fame – Brian Dediccoat/ with possibly an advisory committee

Rules/WPHS – Pat Thompson

International – Pat Thompson/Debbie Pearson

Magazine – Tara happy to help with newsletter, to come from office with informative pieces.

7. Disciplinary

Jan Garland read out email apology received . Anna read email also received from same person.

Discussed emails and evidence of misconduct through social media.

Discussed issuing suspensions, with a possible probation period or suspended sentence.

Discussion on concerns raised over screenshots mentioned in the letters.

8. To be discussed next meeting

9. Office

9.9.1 Linda Pierpoint – Katrina Lewis

Linda Pierpoint letter received. Jan Garland explained where issue started. Personal matter between parties and not AAA.

Debbie Polley letter received. Personal matter between parties and not AAA.

Discussed member behaviour towards other members. Warning to be issued.

Suggested that an article regarding member behaviour be put in magazine.

9.9.2 Monica Moravek-John Kemp

Matter between parties not AAA.

9.9.3 & 9.9.4 Matters resolved prior to meeting

9.9.5 Ev Lagoon/BENRAC – Monica Moravek

Email received from Ev Lagoon regarding BENRAC facebook page. Letter to be sent to Ev. Letter tabled and matter between parties.

9.1 APR Registry Name Change

Discussion on the current name as thought to be confusing to outside public, something like foundation would be more descriptive.

Discussed that those horses are not “foundation” and people are more accepting and understanding it now, further promotion for the registry. Board agreed.

Breeders group to be requested to take on promotion through shows.

9.2 For discussion at next board meeting

9.3 Foal Recording

The concept behind the inclusion of foal recording was explained. Put proposal out to members through Members facebook forum for interest. Idea is an information gathering process for foals born each year but do not necessarily end up registered. Fee to be kept minimal and deducted from registration fee when the foal has full registration application submitted and done by the breeder. Non-members can also do this for a higher fee.

Concerns were raised with horses being seen as registered for showing. It was advised that application form will state the horse is not eligible for showing.

For the cost of recording, no paperwork to be issued, only record of foals for association records and acknowledgement through receipt issued for payment

Concerns were raised about not receiving any “confirmation” to see as Foal Recorded.

Concerns raised about horses that are not to be registered.

It was requested that paperwork to be kept as simple as possible and done in the same season as foal is born.

Motion: To implement Foal Recording as from 1st August 2017, Fee set at \$10 for members and \$20 for non members. Foal recording must be done within 3 months of the foal being born. The below rule to be placed in the rule book.

Moved: Brian Dediccoat

Seconded: Jan Garland

In Favour: BD,JG,ML,SP,NR,DP,AD,PT,JF

Against: nil

CARRIED

Rule Foal Recording: As at 1st August 2017, mare owners are required to record all foals within 90 days of birth for a fee of \$10 for financial AAA members per foal. The recording fee will be deducted from full registration when submitted by mare owner.

Non members can foal record for \$20 not deductible from registration fee.

This application does not give showing rights or inclusion into the Association stud book. Forms available from website and can be submitted via email or post.

9.4 Held over – waiting on information

9.4.1 Lodgement with ASIC

It was advised that following a complaint from a member about the Board lodging the Financials with ASIC without the consent of the membership, that treasurer had spoken to Accountant and was advised that under section 2.94 of the Corporations Act, the membership does not sign off on them, the directors do and the lodgement with ASIC has been done in accordance with the Act.

A query about the members at the AGM requesting the financials to be reviewed. Advice was that they do not have compliance under the Act. The process is to be signed off by the Directors prior to being issued to the membership.

It was also advised that a copy of an email from the Accountant with a request from a non-financial AAA member.

Accountant to be sent a letter advising that all queries pertaining to our financial information are not to be answered unless permission is granted by the Board.

Discussion held re a query for the Appaloosa Action Project and if donations are tax deductible. The information sought advised that assistance be sought from Solicitor, extra administration involved plus a 59 page application document. Not proceeding at this time.

Issues raised with invoicing, example sponsorship being invoiced in one financial period but not paid until the next financial period. Suggested to issue quotes for the same which revert to invoices on receipt of funds. This will then alleviate the discrepancies that occur with accruals and outstanding accounts.

Also queried possibility of changing from the current MYOB to an online MYOB. All agreed for Marsha Lewis to have access. Information to be sought from MYOB and Accountants within 21 days.

Marsha Lewis has had a discussion with accountant following on from the recent AGM. Accruals are a large aspect of our accounting. Change the current financial year to a normal financial year, July to June. Act stipulates that the AGM is to be held within 6 months of the end of the financial year.

Company Secretary advised that can make application to ASIC to still hold our AGM at the same time.

Motion: To change the Financial Year from the current format (January- December) to a normal financial year (July-June) with application to be made to ASIC by Company Secretary for extension of AGM timeframe and PKF Lawler Warburtons Accounting to be advised of change. This is on proviso that AGM dates can be lodged at normal time.

Moved: Marsha Lewis

In Favour: ML, AD,DP,SP,NR,JF,PT,BD,JG

Seconded: Anna Duin

Against: Nil

CARRIED

9.4.2 Auditors

Discussion to appoint auditors.

Motion: As per article 45d the Board appoint PKF Lawler Warburton Audit Assurance Pty. Ltd. as auditors until next AGM and they will be advised of change to financial year.

Moved: Marsha Lewis

In Favour: ML,DP,PT,JG,BD,JF,AD,NR,SP

Seconded: Pat Thompson

Against: nil

CARRIED

An issue was raised with expenses associated with things like sponsorship etc and requested that a P & L showing both income and associated expenses.

9.4 Rule Changes

Concerns raised with rules not aligned both on the website and rule book, therefore creating confusion. Ongoing effort in rectifying this matter.

It was suggested a separate page on the website for high points, for ease of use for members.

It was explained how the website works.

It was suggested that a formal letter be sent to our IT person to get the required reports done and to meet with the board.

A quote was presented from Creative Curiosity for a complete upgrade of the website and studbook.

A request was made to check the quote to see if it is comparative with another company.

9.5 Facebook – Member Forum

Discussion that the forum should be there as an informative avenue only and not for members to use as an avenue to attack others.

The pinned post that was recently put on the forum was read out. Suggestion that the membership form should have a box for members to tick if wanting to be on the forum. Members would then be advised by email for them to have a friend add them.

Motion: That Jan Garland is to be responsible for monitoring the AAA member forum.

Moved: Anna Duin

In Favour: AD,DP,JF,NR,SP,PT,BD,ML,JG

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

Against: Nil

CARRIED

9.6 2017/2018 Fee Schedule

Discussion on proposed ideas of fee increases, example Service Certificates increased by \$10, but registrations be reduced by \$10. Providing more income as there are more service certificates received than registrations.

Discussed options, however felt that this year is not quite the right time for this as we are proceeding with the introduction of Foal Recording. Can reconsider next year.

AA show approval fees - \$60 for the 2017/2018 season ONLY with the \$500 mandatory prize money to be removed.

It was suggested a blanket approval fee for season.

Motion: To increase AA show approval fee to \$60 with a moratorium of \$500 prizemoney until 31st July 2018 .

Moved: Neil Ryan

Seconded: Shaun Pinney

In favour: NR,SP,DP,AD,ML,PT,JF

Against: Nil

CARRIED

A request that affiliate clubs forward their day memberships fees to AAA accompanied by a list of day members. Fee to be \$15. Agreed

Discussed the restructure of Affiliation/insurance income from clubs.

High point rule to be changed. Rule 7.2 remove and replace with:

High point rules as determined from year to year by board and rules will be placed on the website.

9.8 High Points Awards

Discussion and explanation how AQHA issue their awards. Suggested to change to event/age based high points instead of just age.

Idea of an incentive to award the highest points earned in a season, with each trophy numbered

It was felt that financially now isn't the time, but merit in the incentive.

It was suggested that the incentive be put there and the requirements are must attend their own state show, be a member or an affiliate and AAA.

Discussion held on the pros and cons of implementation.

Motion: to introduce 2 National awards. Appaloosa Crystal for halter and Performance for the highest number of points earned in a show season, however the minimum number of points earned shall be 400. Each trophy will be numbered.

Moved: Brian Dedicat

Seconded: Jo Fowler

In Favour: BD,JF,DP,SP,PT,JG,AD,NR

Against: nil **Abstained:** ML **CARRIED**

9.10 Registration Paperwork Review

A mockup of new transfer record was presented. It is to be on the back of the existing registration cards. Changes need to be made with studbook to produce.

Motion: To implement new transfer form on registration card with amendments

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Jan Garland

In Favour: DP, JG, ML, SP, AD, BD, PT, JF

Against: Nil

CARRIED

9.11 Rule Change Proposal – HERDA 3.11

A letter was submitted to amend the current HERDA rule for outcross carriers to be accepted in an appaloosa breeding program.

Discussion re disadvantages of owning a HERDA carrier. Discussion that no disadvantage as you only breed to a non carrier and therefore worst case scenario is producing a carrier.

Discussion on pros and cons of having outcross carriers.

Motion: After lengthy discussion it is decided that the existing rules remain as is.

Moved: Neil Ryan

Seconded: Brian Dediccoat

In Favour: NR, BD, SP, DP, JG, ML, PT, AD

Against: Nil **Abstained:** JF **CARRIED**

10 Regional Clubs

A report was presented concerning ongoing issues with incorporation of regional clubs.

Incorporation numbers to be added to the Affiliation Renewal requirements.

Informed directors of issues found with South East Qld Appaloosa Club (SEQAC) and newly formed club Southern Qld Appaloosa Club (SQAC).

QLD Sport & Rec & HSAA to be informed with SEQAC/SQAC regarding incorporation issues.

Dubbo (CWPH&AC) advised of general meeting to arrange end of year trophies, etc. Minutes received advised of change to affiliation from AAA to AQHA. Club was contacted and advised of concerns. Reply received advising of notation.

Concerns raised over manner in which individuals have conducted themselves, is enough for disciplinary action.

Letter sent to SWPH&AC to follow up on reply received.

Suggestion that clubs be notified of requirements for Affiliation.

Brian Dediccoat offer to travel to WA, at his own expense, during the season to visit Perth Regional Appaloosa Club (PRAC). Will also make contact with each club.

Ann Duin offered to travel to Tasmania with Brian Dediccoat to visit Tasmanian Appaloosa Club (TAC).

11 International

The board was advised of conversations with Steve Taylor, CEO of ApHC, and received a copy of the original agreement made several years ago. Has discussed current requirements.

Assistance is offered by ApHC for judge expenses for nationals.

Youth Exchange program, for a youth member to attend the ApHC Youth World. Considerations with Youth travelling on their own.

Amateur exchange similar option to Youth.

Registration option for AAA registered horses, issue of Warmblood use in breeding program. Question on "AAA" registered horses, is that all registered horses? Details to be discussed further with ApHC.

Shipped Semen, possibility of options available and to proceed under the agreement. Contact with Steve to continue

11.2 & 11.1 2017 & 2018 Nationals

National show dates 26th March to 2nd April at AELC Tamworth.

National P & L presented to directors. Not a drain on the AAA, made small profit. Discussion on 2018 event possibilities

11.1.1 National Show Competitor Scheme

Discussed the 2017 scheme and it was agreed that it proceed in 2018. It was decided that last years' applicant be added on application.

13. Hall of Fame

One nomination to carry forward from 2017. Pat Thompson to supply Brian Dedicoat with criteria.

It was suggested looking at a horse(s), who meet the criteria, from WA etc. Two horses maximum to be inducted.

14. Sponsorship

14.1 Request for AG Show Sponsorship

Discussed letter submitted by Karin Brouggy regarding sponsorship of AG shows. Local sponsorship to be sought through local affiliates. Letter to be sent to Karin to notify outcome by regional director.

14.2 Sponsored Rugs

Advised why rugs were given to State Shows as opposed to money. To be given on a pro-rata basis for the number of competitors per state show. Sponsor to be contacted for price on minimum of 10 rugs – 6'3" & 6'6".

15 Youth

15.1 Novice Youth

Annie Field submitted letter suggesting the inclusion of Novice Youth, that is non point scoring, but issued with notification of eligibility upon application.

Motion: That youth be allowed to apply for Novice Youth, to compete at Approved shows.

Moved: Debbie Pearson

Seconded: Pat Thompson

In Favour: DP,AD,PT,JG,NR,SP,JF,ML,BD

Against: nil

CARRIED

15.1 Youth Ages

Letter submitted by Annie Field.

Youth ages were changed at the December Board Meeting as from 1st August 2017, to bring them in line with AQHA youth ages. Discussion of Rule Change made and agreed to revert back to the existing ages, being Leadline 3-10 years, Youth 13 years & Under, Walk/Jog, Youth 13 years & Under and Youth 14-18 years.

Motion: To change the Walk/Jog Youth rule age back to 13yrs & Under and leadline age be changed to 3-10 years.

Moved: Jo Fowler

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

In Favour: AD,DP,ML,NR,JG,BD<SP,JF,PT

Against: nil

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 7.00pm Saturday 3rd June

Meeting re-commenced 8.30 am Sunday 4th June

15.2 Future Youth Team

Discussion on Youth Team Exchange program.

Discussion on parents attending and clear guidelines set.

ApHC to be contacted to get exchange program information pack.

Agree to proceed with ApHC Exchange Program and set criteria for 2019.

Nominations to be received before Nationals, interview with selection panel, and selection to be made and announced at 2018 nationals.

16. General Business

16.1 Magazine Reduction

It was advised that Tara Gordon, Editor, had been asked for exact costing per page for magazine.

Discussion on costings of digital magazine and producing 1 printed magazine and 3 of e-magazines

Magazine to have a re-design

It was suggested getting people/members to pay for articles/stories.

E-news suggested to be done via facebook.

Website to be looked at and updated.

2 magazines, no e-news, but a newsletter emailed and put on AAA forum.

Motion: To reduce magazines to 2 per membership year.

Moved: Neil Ryan

Seconded: Brian Dediccoat

In Favour: NR,BD,JF,JG,SP,DP,PT,ML

Against: nil

CARRIED

16.2 Matter resolved prior to meeting

16.3 Social Membership

Membership category was voted in at the AGM, membership fee at \$95, effective 1st August 2017.

Motion: To set the Social Membership, as introduced at the 2017 AGM, fee as \$95.

Moved: Anna Duin

Seconded: Jan Garland

In Favour: AD,JG,JF,SP,NR,BD,DP,ML,PT

Against: Nil

CARRIED

16.4.1 Lapsed Member Notification

Letter to be drafted and sent out to lapsed membership, to include the Social Membership option.

16.4.2 Membership Drive

Discussed suggestions tabled by Mark Gauci, the board agreed that not financially viable at this time. Mark to be advised.

16.4.3 Breeders Group

Letter of request to reform a breeders advisory group, Mark Gauci, Malcolm Farr And Lyn Skelly have offered to form a new sub-committee.

The existing rule was read out and discussed changes of the rule to suit an advisory group.

Brian Dediccoat and Shaun Pinney expressed interest in working with group.

Pat Thompson read a draft rule change for the advisory group. Copy to be supplied

Discussed drafted rule.

Concerns were raised that did not have a membership base.

It was explained that the advisory group is responsible for seeking out the breeders, not appointing "membership" base.

Motion: Due to the inactivity of the current AABA committee including its failure to hold an AGM In 2017, the Board after much discussion has appointed a breeders advisory group under the jurisdiction of a Director.

Moved: Neil Ryan

Seconded: Anna Duin

In Favour: NR,AD,SP,BD,DP,ML,PT,JF,JG

Against: Nil

CARRIED

Brian Dedicoat to write to Mark Gauci, Malcolm Farr and Lyn Skelly advising of Boards decision

Anna Duin will be responsible for re-circulating a new constitution to Directors for review

Jan Garland suggested that it go to a solicitor to be reviewed. It was advised that ASIC has a free service for that.

Anna Duin to contact ASIC regarding constitution

16.4.4 Next Board Meeting

Next Board meeting – 8th – 10th September, Tamworth

Anna Duin thanked everyone for attending and the input from everyone was great to see.

Meeting closed 12.60pm Sunday 4th June.